# NILLARU BELIEVES HE WILL

Says It Would Be Foolish for Him to Fight Others Before Tackling Johnson, in View of Large Expense Which Promoters Have Incurred in Preparing to Stage Heavyweight Championship Battle.

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appears that a write nearly weight, appear of the world would do more out boxing than if the title were by a negro. Even Johnson will it the truth of that argument, and r good dusky boxers, like Jeanette Langford, have acknowledged that uson's being champlen has put a new on the rains.

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By JESS WILLARD.

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Year Now Closing Has Been Notable; Many Upsets In Boxing Game Have Developed

By James J. Corbett

Dethronement of Willie Ritchie by Welsh, and Defeat of Johnny Coulon by "Kid" Williams, Were of Greatest Importance; New Orleans Promoters Will Have to Bid Higher for Big Fighters.

## Billy Evans's Puzzle Plays Written Especially For This Paper by the Famous American League Umpire.

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## SHURT BUUT SHUULU NUT AS A CHAMPIUNSHIP

Fighters May Battle Active ly for 10 Rounds and Neither Be Injured; 20 Rounds Is Better for Championship Event, and 25 Is Better Still; Attell Feels Badly Over Divorce.

B. T. S. ANDREWS.

M determined effort is being made in several cities where big boxing matches are held to have the law changed whereby decisions by the referee will be permitted. It is alleged that the boxing game would profit thereby; that interest would be increased and that boxers would get their just dues; it might be the means of stimulating the boxers to greater efforts, especially where they are meeting champions or near champions. These remarks are drawn from recent encounters between Charlie White and Willie Bluble. White and Freddy Welsh, and Welsh and Young Shugrue.

It is a happened that in each of these contests the champion had the worst of the milling, and had a decision been given it would have been against the title helder. That would have been great for the boxer meeting the champion and winning the title in 10 rounds which is altogether too abort to determine a champions had decide a title match.

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20 Hounds for Championship.

It is not fair to a champion to have a title pass away in a 10 round contest. Two clever men could go that distance at top speed and never hurt each other in the least. Twenty rounds is about

ANSAS CITY, Mo. Dec. 26.— American fight fan, the bout did not draw well.

Despite the fact that he has not draw well.

But this time, according to Curley's

By FRANK G. MENKE.

EW YORK, Doc. 26.—The Feds, the Phillie outfielder, and Jack Dalton, via the raiding route, have reached a point where they have Chapman, the Nag shortstop, has